

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 3, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,447 initial claims were processed during the week ending 5/3/14, a decrease of 823 from the previous week, and an increase of 390 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 6.1 percent from last year and down 4.7 percent from two years ago.

- **Continued Claims** 12,923 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/3/14, an increase of 1,616 from the previous week and an increase of 1,275 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.8 percent from last year and down 12.3 percent from two years ago.
- **Workshare** gives employers an alternative to layoffs by allowing employees to work reduced hours and collect a percentage of regular UI benefits to compensate for lost pay. This week, 31 initial claims and 500 continued claims were processed. There were 8 layoffs prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.
- **Exhaustions** 337 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 46 from the previous week and an increase of 4 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 881 initial claims and 7,118 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$453 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.8 weeks per new claim.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 881 TDI initial claims, 120 (13.6%) were TCI Claims. This week 238 TCI payments were issued totaling \$108,666. The average weekly TCI payment was \$457.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
-	<u>Total</u>	New	Additional	<u>Claims</u>	Week	Week	<u>Ago</u>	<u>Ago</u>
Total - All programs*	1,501	808	693	13,938	15,439	14,431	13,653	16,719
UI Claims	1,447	779	668	12,923	14,370	13,577	12,705	14,668
Change from:								
Previous Week	-823	-13	-810	1,616	793			
Year Ago	390	124	266	1,275	1,665			
Two Years Ago	116	25	91	-414	-298			
Interstate-Liable	23	12	11	515	538	548	473	495
Workshare	31	17	14	500	531	306	475	1,556
Workshare Equivalency	8	5	3	113	121	84	125	393
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	337	337	291	333	498
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	881	701	180	7,118	7,999	7,624	6,997	813
Change from:								
Previous Week	73	56	17	302	375			
Year Ago	-85	-94	9	1,087	1,002			

* Includes UI, EUC08, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.



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